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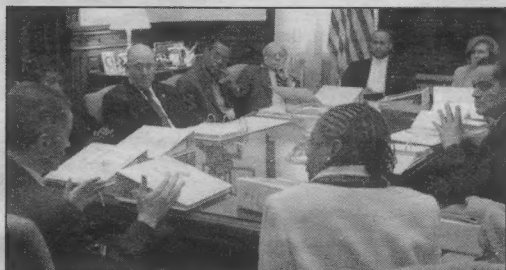
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McGreevey announces new initiatives to reform DYFS

Cabinet for Children will make recommendations for improvement and evaluate implementation



Governor and Commissioner Harris meet with Cabinet

NEW BRUNSWICK—Speaking at the graduation awards ceremony for the Rutgers School of Social Work, Governor James E. McGreevey recently outlined some of the steps the administration is taking to transform DYFS.

"DYFS must be transformed into an accountable agency that gets the job done," said Governor McGreevey. "As Governor, it is my job to ensure that New Jersey's child welfare system protects children from harm, strengthens families and promotes child well-being."

Every eleven seconds, a child is reported abused or neglected in the United States. Nearly 40,000 reports of child abuse and neglect came into DYFS last year. Many of the 50,000 children DYFS sees each year endure pain, hostility and disinterest at every turn.

"Clearly the death of Faheem Williams showed us that DYFS was badly broken

and needed to be totally transformed into a new agency that focused on child protection and permanency," said Human Services Commissioner Gwendolyn L. Harris. "That is exactly what we are doing. We are addressing major problems in decision making, accountability, community resources, staffing, infrastructure, and equipment at DYFS that have existed for far too long. We are working to improve services, such as foster care, and child protection, from top to bottom."

"For far too long, government has been satisfied with its own fragmented responses to children and families in crisis," said Governor McGreevey. "The road to greater accountability will be long and difficult. But - working together - we will win the battle for the safety of our children."

DYFS is undergoing a structural overhaul to provide

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Nets sweep Pistons, return to NBA Finals

NEW JERSEY — Jason Kidd will have plenty of time to rest his sprained right ankle.

Kidd and the New Jersey Nets earned 10 days off with a 102-82 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Saturday night that completed a sweep of the Eastern Conference finals.

The Nets won their 10th straight playoff game and returned to the NBA Finals, where they were swept last year by the Los Angeles Lakers. This time, they will get either the San Antonio Spurs or Dallas Mavericks.

The NBA Finals start on June 4 in the arena of the Western Conference champion. That gives the Nets a long stretch of idle time, and it will do Kidd some good.

With just under seven minutes to play and the Nets holding a nine-point lead, the superstar point guard went up for a rebound and landed on the right foot of Pistons center Ben Wallace. He went down to the floor, holding his foot in pain.

"I was relaxed because I didn't realize anybody was behind me," Kidd said. "I twisted my ankle when I came down, and anytime you twist an ankle, it's a bit of a shock. I tried to keep my composure and take a deep breath. Right now, I need some time to regroup and get healthy."

Although it appeared to be a

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Jason Kidd in action

Black soldiers returning from Gulf War get mixed reception

by Artelia C. Covington
NNPA National Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—If past war experiences hold true, veterans returning from the war in Iraq will find that while they have courageously served their country abroad they are ill-served by the racism that continues to exist at home.

Frank Stallings, who fought in Vietnam, knows that feeling

well.

"I was so frustrated when I returned home to see that race relations hadn't improved any," Stallings says. "They had gotten worse and that kind of thing leaves you with a bad taste in your mouth."

Stallings, who grew up in Baltimore, Md., recalls an incident that left a particularly bad taste in his mouth. The year was

1968 and Stallings, who was drafted into the army at age 19, and some fellow soldiers planned to eat at a restaurant in Hopewell, Va. The group also included two White soldiers, a Mexican and a Puerto Rican. The waitress informed them that she would only serve the two White men and no one else.

"Here I was fresh back from Vietnam and I was still treated

no better because I was a Black GI," Stallings says. "I think that going in a lot of us [veterans] felt like things were going to be different. And when we realized that things wouldn't be, a lot of us felt used."

William Sims, founder of the Milwaukee-based National Association of Black Veterans, understands.

"I'm very supportive of the

troops, considering the fact that I myself was a Vietnam veteran, so I know that when the troops come back they are going to need understanding and they will have wounds that will need healing," he says.

Some of the most difficult wounds will be psychological and emotional, according to

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2003 New Jersey State Youth of the Year Award

Out of 18 different candidates from each Boys & Girls Clubs throughout New Jersey, 17-year-old Jarrott Cato took home the prestigious annual 2003 New Jersey State Youth of the Year award. Cato was awarded the prize along with two scholarships totaling \$10,000 at the state Youth of the Year Dinner and won based on 12 different criteria, including community involvement, family, academics, career aspirations, etc.

Connie Ludwin, State Director and New Jersey Area Council of Boys & Girls Clubs and a judge, Christopher Rosica, President of Paramus based Rosica Strategic Public Relations, presented the award to Cato.

Cato says he has learned many important life lessons through the Boys & Girls Clubs. "It was through the Boys & Girls Clubs that I learned the importance of helping our youth and giving back to the



L to R: Connie Ludwin, State Director and New Jersey Area Council of Boys & Girls Clubs, Jarrott Cato, award recipient, and a judge, Christopher Rosica, President of Paramus based Rosica Strategic Public Relations.

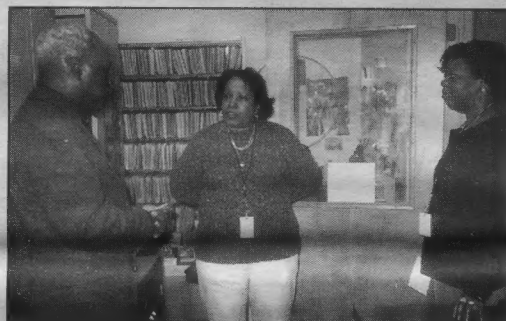
community. Perhaps more importantly, it was through Life Camp that I realized the importance of discipline, mentoring others, teamwork and diligence," said Cato.

A resident of Maplewood, Cato is a member of the Boy & Girls Club of Newark. In July he will have the opportunity to compete for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Northeast

Regional Youth of the Year Competition, in New York City. If he wins the Northeast title, Cato will have an opportunity to tour the White House, meet the President of the United States and compete for the National Youth of the Year, which will be announced at a Congressional breakfast in September.



NJCU 2003 Lecture Series Finale — Emmy Award-winning journalist Sandra Guzman (second from right), a pioneer in print, broadcast, and electronic media who has become a leading expert in journalism of interest to Latinas, was the last speaker featured in New Jersey City University's 2002-2003 University Lecture Series. Gathered with Ms. Guzman, the former editor-in-chief of Latina magazine and author of *The Latina's Bible: The Nueva Latina's Guide to Love, Sex, Spirituality, and La Vida*, were (from the left): Dr. Carlos Hernandez, NJCU president; John Nevin, NJCU vice president for university advancement whose division sponsors the annual lecture series; William Reopell, coordinator of the series; and Leana Murillo, an NJCU senior majoring in international business and vice president of the University's *Federacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos* who introduced the guest speaker.



County Government Week — The Union County Freeholders take time each year during County Government Week to thank County employees in person for their continued devoted service. L-R: Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. enjoys the opportunity to get acquainted with Jacqueline Casey, Human Services Specialist and Joanne Appleton, Supervisor Clerks at the Union County Division of Social Services offices in Plainfield. The freeholders meet and speak directly to County personnel at Employee Appreciation Breakfasts held throughout the County. "Too often people neglect to say thanks, to let others know that what they do is valued," said Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. "The breakfasts allow us to show County employees that they are valued and act as a forum for employees' ideas and questions," added Freeholder Chester Holmes.



Employee of the Month — Detective Sonji Powell of the Newark Police Department has been named Employee of the month for May. In her current position, Detective Sonji Powell is an expert on gangs and gives presentations on their activities in Newark and nationwide. These presentations are given to all ages and contain useful information on how to prevent gang activity and keep youth away from the gang lifestyle. "Detective Sonji believes, all children should be given positive alternatives and choices. She is an important team member in our holistic approach to Newark's gang problems," said Mayor James.

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Nation/World BRIEFS

UGANDAN SPORT SCIENTIST SHORT-LISTED FOR SUNY HALL OF FAME

NEW YORK (GIN)—Uganda's top sport scientist has been nominated to enter the Hall of Fame at the State University of New York (SUNY), where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in the 1970s.

Era Mugisa was the first coach of the Ugandan national soccer team and went on to head the sports and physical education department at Uganda's Makerere University. Later he established the sports science degree course there.

Mugisa has been nominated to enter the "C Club Hall of Fame" for alumni of the State University of New York who have excelled in various fields including politics, sport and the media.

"I am delighted to be singled out," Mugisa told Uganda's "New Vision" newspaper. "But it is still a long way to the real achievement."

By Monica Steward

Special to the NNPA from the Capital Outlook

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (NNPA)—Tiffany Wilson is a pioneer. She has gone where no woman and no Black person has gone before at Florida A&M University, and plans to break a new path in her field.

During FAMU's commencement exercises recently, Wilson became the first woman and first Black person at FAMU to earn a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry. She researched the development of anti-inflammatory medicine without the use of steroids and her dissertation was on 23 novel tetrahydropyridine derivative, an area, according to her professors, in which no one else has done a documented study, making Wilson the world's only expert. Wilson exemplifies a true 'Rattler' by having starting at FAMU Developmental Research School and finishing at the university right across the street.

After receiving her master's in pharmaceutical sciences with a concentration in medicinal chemistry in 1998, Wilson realized she only had a few courses, plus research and dissertation,

She believes there is a calling for her life to heal through medication.

to earn her doctorate. "My steps are ordered by the Lord," Wilson said. Her path is now leading her to Washington, D.C., where she will begin a two-year postdoctoral training program at Howard University. Her focus at Howard will be on molecular modeling and bioinformatics, in which she will use a computer to help design drugs to aid in specific illnesses. Her goal is to become a medicinal chemistry professor and direct a research laboratory. Her desire is to design and develop drugs that will cure or alleviate medical complications such as arthritis, sickle cell and cancer. "It is such a pleasure to know that I have found and am walking the Lord's path," she said. She believes there is a calling for her life to heal through medication. "I'm excited," she said referring to becoming the first Black woman in her field and starting on her research to find medications to help people live



Florida A&M University pharmacy Prof. Ken Redda hoods Tiffany Wilson.

more comfortably.

"I'm proud to be in that position," Yarborough said he would not go into his field unless his dream of being on the Orange County Fire and Rescue team is not realized. He said it's a dream he has had since he was 7 years old. "This is my father's and my mother's dream," said the newly graduated elementary education student. "It was like a gift to my parents and besides I love working with kids now I'm certified to teach grades K-6

throughout the country." Wilson was among 1,175 graduates at Bragg Stadium May 3. The evening commencement marked the first time in FAMU history that graduation exercises were held outside at night. Commencement speaker Tom Joyner joked about the time change. He turned to FAMU President Fred Gainous and asked, "Did you change it to the evening because of the heat or was it to give everybody a chance to get in their last assignments in or, better yet, was it planned this way so you can sleep off all that partying you did last night?"

Joyner, host of radio's nationally syndicated "The Tom Joyner Morning Show," used humor to keep the crowd's attention throughout his address. He began his speech by mentioning his son Oscar Joyner, a 1998 FAMU graduate. "Now after sending all those tuition checks throughout my son's undergraduate and graduate school years, let me say it may have been the best investment I ever made," he said. "He is now my boss." Joyner added that his son got the job because he was well qualified.

Fed Jury rejects NAACP lawsuit against gun makers

(Special to the NNPA)

A New York federal jury rejected an NAACP attempt to hold 45 gun makers responsible for handgun killings in America's Black communities. The jury, which heard five weeks of testimony, did not reach a verdict on 23 other defendants named in the case.

Its verdict was an advisory to U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein, who later this summer is to rule on liability and remedy. The 94-year-old civil rights organization argued that the manufacturers' irresponsible marketing of handguns "led to disproportionate numbers of injuries, deaths and other damages" among African-Americans. The organization sought an injunction in federal court that would place restrictions on buyers and sellers of guns and set up \$10 million fund for gun safety programs from damages.

Lack of evidence was cited as the reason for the verdict. The NAACP presented evidence in court detailing histories of weapons recovered from New York crime scenes, which indicated that 11 percent of handguns sold in 1996 were used in violent crimes by 2000. Evidence also indicated that three weapons makers—Smith & Wesson, Lorcini Engineering and Bryco Arms—made more of the recovered weapons than any other manufacturer. Two of the 45 manufacturers acquitted in the federal lawsuit included gun manufacturers Glock and Colt. Lawrence Keane, general counsel



for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, told reporters the victory "demonstrates the claims made by the NAACP and other anti-gun groups are baseless and entirely without merit and proves the firearm industry is a highly regulated and law-abiding industry."

This is the second time in four years the NAACP has filed a case against the industry. Plaintiffs won a \$4 million verdict in a similar lawsuit in 1999 before Weinstein but it was overturned. An appeals court said the association had not adequately linked industry marketing practices to gun violence.

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Editorial

Newark Elected Officials Reward Newark Allstars with trip to Islands

Recently, the Mayor James and the City Council voted to allocate funds to give the girls basketball team, coaches and chaperons a trip to the Bahamas as a reward for them winning the NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association Nets Tournament of Champions, a first ever for a Newark Public School. The interest in recognizing, these special young ladies is understandable. Obviously, they have worked hard and they should know that the community is proud of their accomplishments.

When we lead children to believe that they must be recognized by everyone else, we steal what has empowered them to win—their motivation to excel despite the odds.

However, should these young athletes be led to believe that they should receive a reward more than the empowering knowledge that they and their teammates should realize as a result of their victory.

Should they be led to believe that in order to compete or win they should be paid by the city, the church, the community or someone else for their accomplishments. When we lead children to believe that they must be recognized by everyone else, we steal what has empowered them to win—their motivation to excel despite the odds.

Recognizing the increasing challenges and obstacles that young women face, we are certain that the mayor and city councils' heart was in the right place.

It is sometimes too easy to throw a gift, trophy, money, or a trip on the kids. It is more difficult to help each child leverage their success into additional opportunities, such as college, work experience, and career goals.

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Police hand grenade kills Harlem Grandmother



Alberta Spruill
By Lloyd "Kam" Williams

The letters "NYPD" may as well stand for New York People Die. Whether it's being shot 41 times as you enter your home or homicide by hand grenade, New York City still is not a safe place to be if your skin is black.

With Al Sharpton off busily campaigning and debating other Democratic presidential hopefuls, it looks as though the death of Alberta Spruill won't register more than a blip on the outrage meter. But African-Americans should not need the inspiration of a Reverend Al to march on City Hall after yet another senseless killing of an innocent black person by racist cops. Everybody should have been automatically up in arms all

on their own, demanding answers.

How could such a tragic mistake have been made? How could it have been averted? Who's head will roll as a consequence? Why does this sort of state-sponsored slaughter happen so often in the black community? And until adequate assurances arrived that it wouldn't happen again, the city should have been shut down. After all, Spruill, a 57 year-old, church-going grandmother with a heart condition, died when a dozen police officers, in a pre-dawn raid on May 16th, broke down the door to her 6th-floor apartment and tossed a flash grenade inside. The explosion was powerful enough to rattle the apartment, shattering a glass top table and sending the poor sister into cardiac arrest. The terroristic task force handcuffed her, denying any medical attention until it was too late.

Miss Alberta, as she was referred to by everyone in her neighborhood, was a much beloved member of the Congregant Avenue Baptist

Church. So, what had she done to bring the wrath of the NYPD down upon her head? Absolutely nothing.

As the cops later explained it, they had operated on an erroneous tip from a confidential informant that a man was barricaded inside with drugs, pit bulls and a cache of weapons. As it turns out, that suspect, Melvin Boswell, 35, lived on the 9th, not the 6th, floor of the building. He was arrested without incident three days later.

Curiously, the break-in to Alberta's home was conducted by officers from the 25th Precinct, even though her apartment building, located at 310 West 143rd Street, is situated in the 32nd Precinct. Prior to the raid, police investigators made a routine check which suggested that Ms. Spruill was the apartment's sole tenant. They went ahead anyway and compounded their first mistake with the decision to stun any occupants with a flash grenade.

Munitions experts will tell you that this allegedly non-lethal device can cause death in certain circumstances. It's

the type of item best used outdoors for crowd control, for instance to keep an advancing army of angry, bottle-tossing demonstrators at bay.

Being confronted by a flash grenade in the street is one thing, being awakened by one exploding in your apartment quite another.

This offensive tool delivers far more than a mere flash, as it is designed to provide cover by way of a concussive explosion combined with a temporarily blinding cloud of smoke. The employment of such a potentially destructive device in Harlem in this case is proof positive that black people simply do not have equal protection under the law. For there is no way the police would ever even think of igniting such a grenade so recklessly in the Upper East Side or any other white enclave.

Trillions wasted looking for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq while pockets of police resistance, cops armed to the teeth and already embedded among us, are far more inclined to terrorize the African-American community.

Danny Glover Attacked

By George E. Curry

Actor and social activist Danny is special. He's similar to Paul Robeson, Harry Belafonte and Dick Gregory. Like them, at the zenith of his career, when it would have been safer and more financially beneficial to keep his mouth sealed, he has not hesitated to weigh in on the important social issues of that his day, including apartheid, racism and militarism.

As a country, we say we pride ourselves on our freedom of speech, granting full protection to the expression of unpopular ideas. What we are seeing with Glover and other Hollywood stars who opposed our invasion of Iraq is that some people believe in free speech—as long as it agrees with their viewpoint. Over the years, many Black entertainers have made buffoons of themselves. James Brown, "Soul Brother No.1," should be called "Sold Out Brother No. 1." Even though Brown endorsed Richard M. Nixon for president in 1972, he disclosed in his autobiography, "James Brown: Godfather of Soul" [page 171] that "I don't vote. I've never voted. In my life." More recently, singer Brian McKnight revealed on Tom Joyner's syndicated radio program that he doesn't vote. And that's why I'll never buy

his CDs or attend his concerts. When someone such as Danny Glover decides to vote and speak out on U.S. foreign policy, many of those who proclaim to be freedom-loving United States citizens suddenly want to limit what he can say. In fact, some conservatives have been urging their followers to put pressure on the telephone carrier MCI to drop Glover as a pitchman. Never mind that the series of ads had just about completed their scheduled run. Never mind that the commercials have been extremely successful. In addition to being opposed to U.S. action in Iraq, Glover has also come under fire for remarks considered sympathetic to Cuban president Fidel Castro. Conservative organizers of www.marchonhollywood.com urge their followers to contact Glover and other anti-war celebrities to register their dismay. Their hit list includes Belafonte, Martin Sheen, Samuel L. Jackson, Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger, Sheryl Crow, Richard Gere, Woody Harrelson, Tim Robins, Dustin Hoffman, George Clooney, Ron Howard, Spike Lee, Madonna, Sean Penn, Carl Reiner, Oliver Stone, Sharon Stone, the Dixie Chicks, Barbara Streisand, Laurence Fishburne, Robert Redford and Susan Sarandon, among others. As a result of

this movement, some of the fan postings on Web sites have become more vitriolic. The Danny Glover message board on www.the-movie-times.com, for example, carried the following comments: "I put your movies in the same trash bin as my Dixie Chicks CDs," says a writer who identified himself as "Texan." He continues, "I told MCI to take a hike and why." David writes, "I hope that Danny Glover, his family and all of you out there that support him contract a flesh-eating disease and slowly die in agony and pain... Please pass the morphine."

Harold ends his tirade with, "...Oh, I wrote MCI and Foxx, CNN about you. Just trying to help." The Associated Press reports that after receiving three dozen complaints about actress Susan Sarandon's anti-war views, the United Way of Tampa Bay, Fla., canceled a speech she had been scheduled to make to inspire volunteerism. No one of note has called for a boycott of movies or speeches of Right-wing actors such as Arnold Schwarzenegger or Bruce Willis. According to front-pagemag.com, Willis said during the last election, "If you guys vote for Al Gore, you're out of your minds... Gore's a knucklehead..."

When Martin Sheen, as part of his activities with

"Artists United to Win Without War," urged people to contact elected leaders



via telephone, fax and e-mail, the conservative Web site, newsmag.com, declared, "Now it's time to see if Sheen and his ilk can take what they dish out." It gave contact numbers "to tell the 'artists' what you think of them."

It's time for progressives to fight back. The first step is to put MCI on notice that if they cave in to this kind of pressure, it will be at their peril. You can do that by logging on to Web site www.mci.com and clicking customer service or telephoning customer service at (800) 444-3333. If you're an MCI customer, tell them if Danny goes, so will your business. You can also tune out Clear Channel, the owners of more than 1,000 radio stations in the nation, and the pro-Bush rallies it sponsors. And you can tune into some of the chat rooms on the Internet and provide a counterpoint to these unknowledgeable meanderings. If Danny Glover can exhibit courage by standing up, the least we can do is to support him by making our opinions count. That's how we can become a lethal weapon.

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Joseph C. Cornwall Center opens to connect campus and city communities

NEWARK — The unassuming but attractive brownstone at 47 Bleeker St. in Newark blends seamlessly with the architectural style of its neighbors. It hardly looks, at first glance, like the nerve center of the next phase in Rutgers-Newark's monumental 40-year effort to help revitalize the city with which the university's history has been so thoroughly interwoven. But the official opening of the headquarters of the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies May 1 heralds just that: a renewed and even more dynamic program to investigate and tackle the issues confronting both Newark in particular and America's cities in general.

Joseph C. Cornwall, for whom the center is named, was founding chair of the Fund for New Jersey and a civic leader who devoted much of his career to advancing the quality of life for citizens in New Jersey.

The ceremonies began with a ribbon cutting at the new Bleeker Street building followed by speeches in Ackerson Hall, about the future of urban America, as well as a reception and a tour of the new facilities. Speakers included: Rutgers-Newark Provost Steven Diner, Marc Holzer, chair of Rutgers-Newark's public administration department and head of the Cornwall Center's executive committee, Mark Murphy, executive director of the Fund for New Jersey, Clement Price, professor of history and director of the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience and John Cornwall, Joseph Cornwall's son and a trustee of the Fund of New Jersey.

Founded through a \$2.4 million gift from the Fund for

New Jersey, the center's two-pronged goal is to advance research and discussion among scholars of urban and metropolitan life, and to contribute to the resolution of pressing public policy issues through information campaigns and programs to revitalize neighborhoods.

"Our main thrust is building on the powerful connections between the campus and the city communities," said Holzer. "As an urban university, Rutgers-Newark has a major responsibility for doing its part to contribute to the quality of life in both Newark and in the metropolitan area around the city. The citizens of this city are our neighbors and our colleagues. We don't ever lose sight of that."

Holzer said that the official opening of the Cornwall Center's new building permits researchers in disparate disciplines to join forces in a far more centralized and coordinated way than had been possible previously.

"As we began organizing the Cornwall Center, we discovered that, individually, our faculty had actually been doing many more urban-studies projects than the university suspected," he noted. "There just wasn't this nexus for communication among disciplines that we've created now." Professors of sociology, political science, law, public administration, education, criminal justice and history - to name a few - have all found themselves drawn to the Cornwall Center's mission.

So have some major foundations. This year, the Abbott Leadership Institute - which is affiliated with the Cornwall Center and the Department of Education and Academic Foundations at Rutgers-Newark



Pictured (l-r) are Mark Murphy, executive director of the Fund for New Jersey; Joseph C. Cornwall, the philanthropist for whom the center is named; and Steven Diner, provost of Rutgers-Newark.

received an Education Grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to work toward strengthening parental commitment to the improvement of Newark's public schools.

The Cornwall Center also has provided fertile ground for urban research as well. The center's Faculty Awards Program has been a source of critical funding for research into the social dynamics that make an urban area tick.

Sherri-Ann Butterfield, an assistant professor of sociology at Rutgers-Newark, is using funding provided by the Cornwall Center and the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience to examine the role that race and ethnicity play in the lives of second-generation members of the West Indian immigrant community in northern New Jersey and New York City, as these young people with one foot in each of two different worlds try to come to

grips with their sense of identity.

"Essentially, the Cornwall Center is helping this campus do what student activists called for in the 1960s," Holzer said. "One of the key things that they wanted to see was more engagement with the community."

It is a legacy that is both a source of pride and of purpose at Rutgers-Newark, noted Provost Steven Diner.

"The Cornwall Center provides a unique link between the urban research interests of the faculty and the needs of Newark and the northern New Jersey metropolitan area," he said. "It helps us attract the very finest urban scholars to our campus at the same time that it fulfills our urban mission."

For a more comprehensive overview of the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, please visit the center's Web site at www.cornwall.rutgers.edu.

Gamper, Shapiro nominated to serve on Rutgers University Board

Trenton — Governor James E. McGreevey has renominated Albert R. Gamper, Jr. of Far Hills and nominated Harold T. Shapiro of Princeton to serve on the Rutgers University Board of Governors. The nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

"In order for our businesses and our economy to succeed in the 21st Century, we must ensure that New Jersey is the premier state in the nation for research, development and innovation," said McGreevey. "I am confident that Albert Gamper Jr. and Harold Shapiro will continue to lead Rutgers University along the path of progress and excellence."

Albert R. Gamper, Jr. is CEO and President of CIT Group Holdings, Inc., a leading company in asset-based financing, a position he has held since 1987. Gamper earned his B.A. from Rutgers University in 1966, and attended the Professional Management Development Program at Harvard University Business School in 1976.

Harold T. Shapiro is currently President Emeritus of Princeton University, a position he has held since 1988. He also holds a faculty appointment as professor of Economics and Public Affairs. Previously, Shapiro served on the faculty of the University of Michigan for 24 years and was president from 1980 to 1988. In 1956, Shapiro graduated from McGill University in Montreal, where he won its highest academic honor, the Lieutenant Governor's Medal. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University in 1964 and is the recipient of 14 honorary degrees.

NJSBDC leader honored for outstanding efforts on behalf of minority small business

The New Jersey Small Business Development Centers (NJSBDC) announced that Brenda B. Hopper, State Director of this major business development network, recently received the NJ Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) New Jersey District Office and was selected as the regional winner for SBA's Region II, comprising New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Since the NJSBDC began providing services 25 years ago, over 219,547 entrepreneurs have received free, confidential, one-on-one counseling

and affordable education. Under Ms. Hopper's leadership, special outreach to the minority community by 11 regional SBDC centers resulted in record numbers of minority business start-ups and expansions.

Of the 7,465 clients receiving counseling services in 2002: 32 percent were women; 22.4 percent were African-American; 13.1 percent were Hispanic; 5.2 percent were Asian American; and 1.5 percent were Native American. Last year this group of clients received more than \$17.3 million in approved loans as a result of NJSBDC's efforts.

"Brenda has been an out-

spoken and tireless advocate for minorities across the State," said Bernadette Tiernan, Associate Director of NJSBDC. "We are proud that our organization's leader has been recognized for her invaluable contributions to minority businesses and for her efforts in making this network pro-active in its outreach to the minority population statewide," she added.

Ms. Hopper was responsible for NJSBDC's entering into a relationship with the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation to provide counseling and training for small and minority contractors in order to facilitate their capture of a portion of \$8.6 billion in school

construction contracts over the next decade.

Ms. Hopper was recently appointed Chair of the Association of Small Business Development Centers' Minority Outreach Task Force that is responsible for guiding SBDCs nationally to improve relationships with minority businesses.

Ms. Hopper serves on many entities' boards and committees including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, University Ventures, and the Black Chamber of Commerce. She is a charter member of the International Minority Business Corporation and sits on the board of an



Brenda B. Hopper

organization which works with inner city youth. She has also appeared on numerous television and radio programs advising the general small business community and encouraging entrepreneurship in the minority community.

Telemarketing legislation becomes law

New Jersey's "Do Not Call" List Will be the Strongest in the Nation

(HAMILTON) — Governor James E. McGreevey today signed legislation that protects New Jersey's families and safeguards their privacy by aggressively regulating telemarketers with the strongest "Do Not Call" list in the nation.

"Telemarketing calls interrupt our lives and deprive us of valuable time with our families and loved ones," said Governor McGreevey. "More and more often, telemarketers are leaving hang-ups on answering machines and sparking dinner-hour outrage among people fed up with unwanted calls. At the end of a long day, hard-working New Jerseyans shouldn't have to compete with telemarketers at the dinner table. People shouldn't have to cringe every time the phone rings, thinking it might be yet another annoying call from a telemarketer."

As telemarketing has

become big business with powerful corporate backing, it has also grown increasingly aggressive and intrusive. Techniques — such as "call pacing" and "pre-calling" — force consumers to deal with telephone solicitations, as well as hang-ups, computerized "filters" and other inconveniences.

For some — especially senior citizens — telemarketing can be a prelude to fraud. Each year, Americans are scammed out of nearly \$40 billion by criminals posing as telemarketers.

"New Jerseyans will now be able to simply 'hang up' on telemarketers by registering on an 800 number," said Governor McGreevey. "Our 'Do Not Call' list will be the strongest in the nation. I am proud to say that we are once again leading the country when it comes to protecting consumers and hard-working families."

"State action is needed because federal legislation is simply lacking," said Governor McGreevey. "The recent Federal Trade Commission's telemarketing rule is filled with loopholes."

The FTC does not apply to calls originated within New Jersey.

It fails to cover entire industries, including airlines, banks, credit unions and long distance telephone companies.

Under the federal rule, someone who merely fills out an application or makes an inquiry to a company would not be protected by the "Do Not Call" list.

"Today, Governor McGreevey signs the nation's best 'Do Not Call' list legislation into law," said Dorothy Dowling AARP New Jersey Consumer Protection Taskforce Coordinator.

"AARP New Jersey thanks Governor McGreevey, the New Jersey State Legislature and all of our volunteers who worked so hard to achieve this new law, which will restore our privacy by ending the endless telemarketing calls that interrupt our lives."

Violators are subject to a \$10,000 fine for a first violation and \$20,000 for each subsequent violation. The Division of Consumer Affairs has the authority to enforce the law against



Gov. McGreevey signs telemarketing legislation

both telemarketers in and outside the state. While companies can call their existing customers or people from whom they have express written permission, telemarketers are prohibited from calling if the individual indicates a desire not to receive such calls. The creation of the list will be financed through registration fees — including the cost of obtaining the "Do Not Call" list — and penalties.

In addition to establishing New Jersey's "Do Not Call" list, the bill also contains many other

consumer protections. Telemarketers making unsolicited sales calls will have to register with the Division of Consumer Affairs. They are required to identify themselves and the company they are calling on behalf of within the first 30 seconds and are prohibited from making unsolicited calls between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. Telemarketers are also prohibited from intentionally using any method that blocks or circumvents a caller identification service.

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Commerce Secretary Watley embarks on historic trade mission

Leads twenty-five businesses to Ghana and South Africa

Accra, Ghana — (May 13, 2003)- Commerce Secretary William D. Watley began his 12-day trade and investment mission to Ghana and South Africa at a joint news conference with the U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, Mary Carlin Yates and representatives of New Jersey's visiting business delegation.

Ambassador Yates highlighted the democratic and economic progress made throughout the country, and emphasized the vast trade and investment opportunities that exist between New Jersey and Ghana.

Ghana has enjoyed economic and political stability for twenty years," said Watley. "The Kufuor government is dedicated to encouraging foreign investment as a cornerstone of its economic policies, and New Jersey looks forward to increasing bilateral trade and investment with Ghana."

Through the fiscal and political foresight of Ghanaian President John Kufuor, the country has enhanced its reputation as the "Gateway to Africa" and a leading commercial hub of the growing West African coast. The nation's GDP has averaged 5.5% over the last decade, and its appeal continues to grow among investors throughout the world.

In remarks later in the day

before the American Chamber of Commerce in Accra, Secretary Watley described how business and industry in Ghana have ideal synergies with New Jersey companies, and discussed the great promise trade and investment partnerships could have for both economies. "I believe Ghana is one of the most exciting places to be in Africa," said Watley.

There are a number of economic sectors where New Jersey produces what Ghana is likely to buy in the coming years, such as computers, mining and construction equipment, environmental services, security and safety equipment, information technology and automotive supplies. "In his address, Secretary Watley focused on three specific economic sectors in particular where Ghana's needs match areas of New Jersey's strengths: healthcare, transportation and telecommunications."

Specifically, the Secretary highlighted New Jersey's status as the world's foremost pharmaceutical leader, which could meet Ghana's medical supply needs, it's first class transportation companies with expertise in construction, manufacturing, planning and design, and a telecommunications industry that is both willing and able to help Ghana develop a 21st cen-

tury communications infrastructure. The nation is also a prime beneficiary of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), which provides a foundation for increased investment and commercial relations with the United States.

The trade and investment mission to Ghana and South Africa includes twenty-five New Jersey businesses, and it marks the first time the state has embarked on such an endeavor in Africa. Africa holds particular promise, as it is the world's second largest continent with a population of 750 million people, vast natural resources and growing markets.

Ghana is appealing because its economic needs offer tremendous growth potential for New Jersey to expand greatly on the \$10.1 million the state exported there in 2002. New Jersey is currently ranked 8th among all states in volume of exports to world markets, registering \$22.9 billion in goods and services. This is key to New Jersey's overall economic vitality, as the U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that for every \$1 billion in exports, 12,000 jobs are created. Using that estimate, some 276,000 jobs are directly related to trade and investment within New Jersey.

Walking is not enough to prevent Osteoporosis

May is National Osteoporosis Awareness Month, a time to make a concerted effort to inform people about this disease which has the ability to cripple, and even to kill.

Exercise physiologist Dianne Daniels, author of *EXERCISES FOR OSTEOPOROSIS* (Hatherleigh Press, \$14.95), puts to rest the myth that walking builds bone and therefore can prevent osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis literally means "thinning bone." When bone architecture has deteriorated in this manner a fracture may be just around the corner. While every bone in the body is at risk, the spine and the hip are the most susceptible. A fracture in one of these two sites may cause the independent lifestyle to be lost forever. Prolonged bed rest as the result of a hip fracture can even cause death.

With a recent study revealing that 50% of women over the age of 50 have low bone density, the numbers of potential future victims is staggering. Currently, there are 10 million Americans with osteoporosis, many of whom are not even aware that they have it. Although more likely to strike post-menopausal women, men

are not immune (one in nine is affected) and they, as well, should take steps to reduce bone loss.

As Dianne Daniels explains in *EXERCISES FOR OSTEOPOROSIS*, bone responds to ever-increasing stress being placed upon it. "Walking — a wonderful, heart-healthy exercise — can be part of a program to prevent osteoporosis, but it is not the whole story," Daniels says. "To cause bone to grow it must be challenged with a new, added weight, not the same load over and over again, as with walking."

The best strategy is to make strength training (also called resistance training or weight training) a part of any osteoporosis-fighting plan. Slowly and progressively adding additional weight can cause new bone growth to occur. And when this type of exercise is combined with osteoporosis medications prescribed by a doctor, the effect is additive and creates even greater positive results.

"You don't need to go to a gym or use any special equipment to wage an effective campaign," Daniels adds. "Soup cans, elastic tubing, or easily affordable hand and ankle weights can do the job. If you

do go to a gym, many of the exercises you see there can actually put you in jeopardy, as certain body positions may cause a fracture in a person with severe osteoporosis. Be sure to avoid bending over, doing traditional abdominal crunches, holding something at arm's length, or twisting rapidly from side to side."

Weight training has other beneficial side effects; it can help improve balance, thereby making falls and fractures less likely. And it can make everyday activities—shopping, climbing up stairs, cleaning—easier and more enjoyable to do.

In her book, Daniels gives specific exercises to improve balance, and many safe ways to increase bone density. Also included are osteoporosis-friendly exercises targeted for the abdominal, a body part almost everyone seems to cast a critical eye on.

Here are three exercises she suggests starting with:

CHAIR SIT:

Stand in front of a chair with a pillow on the seat. Your arms are down at your sides and relaxed, your feet about hip distance apart. Slowly sit on the chair. Then slowly stand up.

When you can perform 15 repetitions (sitting down and standing up) remove the pillow. When you can perform 15 repetitions without the pillow, hold onto 1-pound weights (soup cans, or any household items are fine). Gradually, over time,

increase the amount of weight you hold in your hands.

SUPERMAN:

Lie face down on the floor. Extend both arms forward on either side of your head (like Superman flying). Now lift your arms off the floor as high as you can while keeping your head on the floor. Pause, then lower them slowly. When you can perform 15 repetitions easily, do them while holding one pound weights in each hand.

BALL SQUEEZE:

Hold a rubber ball in your right hand with your palm up. Your arm should be resting on your lap or on a table. Squeeze the ball as hard as you can for three seconds. Maintain a straight wrist (no bending) and keep your middle finger in line with the middle of your wrist. Do this three times, then switch to your left hand. Build up to 10 squeezes per hand. Remember—before you do these or any exercises, always check first with your doctor to make sure they are safe for you.

Dianne Daniels has a Masters degree in exercise physiology from Columbia University. A former health educator with the New York City Department for the Aging, she now runs a personal training business. She is on the faculty of the American Council of Exercise and has taught academic and practical courses for fitness professionals since 1992.

Health Briefs

RACIAL GAP SHOWN IN BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

Differences in how black women are treated for breast cancer may explain why they have lower survival rates than white women even when the cancer is discovered at the same stage. A study in the June 1 issue of *Cancer* found significantly lower stage-specific survival rates for black women under the age of 50 even when the type and stage of the breast cancer were identical. On the other hand, there were no significant differences in women over the age of 65, suggesting the universal availability of Medicare might iron out earlier disparities.

MANY THINK AIDS VACCINE HERE, BUT KEPT SECRET

A full 20 percent of American adults share the mistaken belief that a vaccine for HIV/AIDS already exists but is being kept from the public, according to a new government survey. Ignorance of the slow rate of progress in the development of an AIDS vaccine is rampant among U.S. citizens, the survey finds, and is especially high among black and Hispanic populations, which have been hit hardest by the disease.



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Putting Things Off Can Add Stress 6 Tips to Get Things Done

How often do we intend to do something, but end up putting it off another day, or indefinitely? If procrastinating is a routine practice, it's a pattern that can be changed, like any pattern or habit.

Cyndi Seidler, author of "Organize For Success", columnist and organizing expert, suggests that procrastination is the primary cause leading to stress. "When individuals put things off, they feel hurried, overwhelmed, and stressed. They try to buy time by extending it, but end up running out of time, and then rush to beat the clock."

Seidler says a person can change their style of living to obtain greater achievement, more satisfaction, and reduce the amount of stress they experience.

Seidler offers these 6 tips in getting things done:

1. Make a list of all the activities you currently put off

that you strongly want to complete. Prioritize these and write a deadline date next to them. Mark your calendar with these deadlines, and incorporate the "due" tasks into your daily To-do list. Make the decision to do the task that day.

2. Structure your day to get small tasks done and out of the way quickly. Control your activities using a routine agenda. You can be flexible, but be firm in your commitment to carrying out your scheduled activities.

3. Set clear goals of what you want to achieve. Make your action plans align with these goals, and focus on one commitment at a time.

4. Get organized, especially with finding ways to manage regular affairs such as bill paying, handling mail, returning calls, and so on.

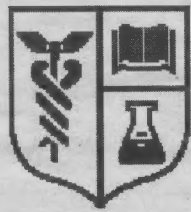
5. Make decisions to keep yourself reasonably active on your goals. You can do this by

identifying the purpose for the activity and establishing a good estimate for accomplishing them.

6. Identify your procrastinating patterns and examine them. Imagine yourself going through the steps to doing something, particularly the things you have put off. This productive stimulation helps you bring about change.

Making a goal to accomplish something is a promise to yourself to achieve it. It isn't a good thing to break promises to others, so why break them with yourself? If you intend to do something, make the decision to do it, then tell yourself to do it.

Cyndi Seidler is an author, columnist and professional organizer. She's a frequent media guest, and has been helping individuals create organized lifestyles since 1994. In print, her methods have been featured in numerous newspapers, with a weekly syndicated column called "Organized Living."



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McGreevey announces new initiatives to reform DYFS

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more accountability and a renewed focus on its core mission of child protection. Despite a \$5 billion budget deficit, DYFS is one of the few areas of State government to receive a funding increase in the Governor's proposed budget.

Governor McGreevey signed an executive order today establishing the Governor's Cabinet for Children, which will bring together senior members of his administration with New Jersey child advocates. The Cabinet will coordinate and marshal resources to ensure the highest level of care. They will develop a strategic plan for strengthening children and family services in New Jersey. This will constitute a comprehensive planning resource for all State agencies and programs, as well as non-governmental organizations. The Governor's Cabinet for Children will monitor the implementation of the DYFS Transformation Plan. They will evaluate the effectiveness of the plan and report back to the Governor on a bi-monthly basis to ensure that it is comprehensive and stays on track.

The Governor's Cabinet for Children will be chaired by Human Services Commissioner Gwendolyn Harris. Members are Reverend Darell Armstrong, Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton; Howard Beyer, Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission; Tom Blatner, President of Janus Solutions; Lisa Eisenbud, Deputy Chief of Management

and Operations, Office of the Governor; Senator Jack Fay; Peter Harvey, Esq., Acting Attorney General; Dr. Clifton Lacy, DHSS Commissioner; Susan Bass Levin, DCA Commissioner; William Librera, DOE Commissioner; Colleen Maguire, Special Deputy Commissioner of Children's Services at the Dept. of Human Services; John McCormac, State Treasurer; Judge Alex Menza; Captain Ralph Rivera, NJ State Police; Richard Roper, Rockefeller Institute and Roper Group; Kevin Ryan, Esq., Deputy Chief of Management and Operations, Office of the Governor; Kevin Ryan, Esq., Deputy Chief of Management and Operations, Office of the Governor; Yvonne Seegers, New Jersey Public Defender; Maria Vizcarrondo-DeSoto President, United Way of Essex and West Hudson; and, Cecilia Zalkind, Esq., Executive Director, ACNJ.

"The real proof will be better outcomes for children, and I expect the Children's Cabinet to track those outcomes," said Governor McGreevey. "We must lock arms and work together to coordinate our efforts when it comes to the safety of our children. Creating linkages will be a central responsibility of this Cabinet."

"What Governor McGreevey has proposed will help save the lives of children in New Jersey. It is that simple," said Human Services Commissioner Gwendolyn L. Harris. "The Governor's Cabinet for Children will coordinate and

oversee children's services at the highest level and report directly to the Governor."

In all, Governor McGreevey outlined fourteen initiatives to reform DYFS, including the deployment of Case Practice Specialists, criminal background checks for employees of out-of-home placement facilities and moving the Institutional Abuse Unit from DYFS to the Department of Human Services, where it will become part of the Commissioner's elite Office of Program Integrity and Accountability. The state will invest \$5.6 million so New Jersey can join the other 46 states that use the State Automated Child Welfare Information System, a state-of-the-art child tracking system.

"We will move to a system that judges the performance of each DYFS district office and manager by the only measure that counts: the outcomes for children," said Governor McGreevey. "We plan to adopt a public report card for each of the District Offices within DYFS. A more transparent agency is essential to create the accountability that is much needed throughout DYFS."

"Tonight, Governor McGreevey has given us some important tools to begin the task of transforming how New Jersey serves children and families," said Special Deputy Commissioner of Children's Service, Colleen Maguire. "The measures the Governor has outlined are vital to improving decision-making and accountability in our child welfare system. This will lead to an agency that provides quali-

ty and effective services to families, engages and partners with every community in the State - and most importantly - improves the lives of New Jersey's children."

"I commend the Governor on the profound and far reaching changes he is proposing to New Jersey child welfare policy and practice that I have no doubt will result in better life outcomes for the most vulnerable children and families in our State," said William Waldman, former Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services. "These changes will infuse accountability throughout the system, create a more clear and holistic focus on the needs of children and families and serve to unify all of our efforts in this regard. The safety and permanency of children and the preservation of families is everybody's business. And, the Governor is clearly doing his part."

Ahead with bold reforms that will give DYFS the staff it needs to keep children safe. Current law and regulations make it difficult for DYFS to hire experienced workers into any position other than entry-level trainee slots. The vast majority of DYFS caseworkers have less than 5 years experience. We must recruit experienced social workers into supervisory and managerial positions as we begin a new wave of hiring. The administration will advance bold changes in personnel policies to open the agency to experienced, talented social workers.

Black soldiers returning from Gulf War get mixed reception

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nightmares from serving in Vietnam.

"My last day of service, I was discharged and sent home. In 26 hours I had gone from being a soldier in the heat of combat to walking into my mother's front door. I didn't know how to deal with that," he says.

Jared Ball, a Gulf War veteran of Operation Desert Storm from Washington, D.C., says that while he never had any psychological after effects from war, he did have to deprogram himself.

"When I came back home, I didn't know how to respond to my mother and my friends. I was very angry because things just hadn't changed racially and I just felt helpless," he says.

For Ball, the military was where he learned just how racist America is.

"The navy was a wake-up call as to what was really going on in this country," Ball says. "My first week on board the ship, our supervising officer, who was a White man from Georgia, told us that he didn't like Black people but wouldn't use his rank to abuse us."

Ball says he was shocked that none of the other Black officers called the White officer out on his racist remark.

"That was my first week and I was shocked to hear that come out of a supervising officer's mouth, but it wasn't the last either," he says.

Ball says it was common to see Klan lettering on the bathroom walls on the ship and some officers passed out Klan literature as well.

"I also remember a time when they showed the movie, 'Mississippi Burning,' on board and a riot almost broke out because one of the soldiers snickered dur-

ing the lynching scene," he says.

Ball says that the soldiers who are fighting in Iraq now will receive the same warm welcome he got when he returned home from the Gulf.

"This group of soldiers will definitely be received well, with all the television coverage of the war that we have seen and images of wounded soldiers, like Jessica Lynch, being made heroes," he says. "With Desert Storm there was a clear and defined end and there was a massive exodus of troops returning home. I don't know if that will be the case here."

Veterans from the Vietnam era have a different view.

Marion Stringer, a green beret, remembers when he first returned from Vietnam to find that although the signs of racism had been removed from view, the mentality still remained.

"My family owns a funeral home in Clarksdale, Miss., and to come home and to see the local sheriff address my father by his first name—that stung," Stringer says.

But he says he didn't feel betrayed.

"I have nothing but respect for my country, and I don't feel any anger towards my country. If I felt betrayed by anyone it was by certain people who hadn't bothered to change the way they thought," Stringer says.

Samuel Mayfield, an Army parachute rigger in Vietnam, shared Stringer's sentiments.

"I felt like I had served my country in vain, because as soon as we left and came back home, the Vietnamese took over anyway," says Mayfield, originally from Wise, N.C.

"But I didn't feel betrayed once I returned back home though. I felt like I did

what I was supposed to and I don't feel bad about serving my country."

Stringer says that he returned a much stronger person than he was before he left.

"Combat hardens you and makes you speak up," he says. "You learn to just turn inward and you learn to handle pressures a lot better. Being able to do that helped me deal with what I faced when I came back."

He added that serving in Vietnam enabled him to take more from the racism he encountered in his hometown. He credits his religious upbringing with also helping him cope.

Stringer says that coming back to the states and not being welcomed also left him hurt.

"I remember going through Travis Air Force base right outside of San Francisco on my way back home and some guy spit on me and screamed that I was a baby killer," he says. "I didn't expect anybody to treat me like a hero when I came back, but I didn't expect to get spit on either."

Venus Hammack, a 24-year veteran, received all the training she would need before she ever saw Vietnam. The Queens, N.Y., native's father was a decorated soldier in World War II and had encouraged her to join the armed forces after her dreams of becoming a singer were dashed after a bus accident left her vocal cords damaged.

"He told me that the Army would teach me a skill, so I joined right after my first year at college," she says.

Hammack joined at a time when there were no opportunities for women in the armed forces.

"Women at that time weren't allowed to have weapon training and they told us that we wouldn't even be near battle," she says.

Black women weren't chosen for high-ranking offices, most of which went to White men.

"I was placed in a mixed race unit of soldiers when I first went to Vietnam and by this time I was already ranked and they treated us like we were brand-new soldiers," she says. "They watched our every move and would comment if we came back to quarters later than they thought we should have."

Unfortunately, race relations haven't improved much for the soldiers of today.

"I think that when the soldiers get back from fighting they will find that things aren't really that different, and they will also find that the country they just served will have a very short memory and won't remember to help them," Hammack says.

Sims says that while people will embrace this war's returning soldiers, there are still be some traditions that are hard to break.

"I notice that after every war, more and more Black soldiers complain about the way they have been treated," says the Milwaukee native. "In Vietnam we were singled out and if we complained, we were labeled as combative. I'm not sure if that is happening today, but the military hasn't really changed much."

Ball says that race relations can't just be improved in the military; they must be improved socially as well.

"There is no realistic way to deal with race while we are all in competition with each other for basic needs, like better jobs, getting home early and things like that," he says. "Our society is conditioned such that the rich get richer and the poor fight just to survive. We've got to address that as a society and then address dealing with race relations."

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"Newark has some of the finest dining establishments New Jersey has to offer and we're delighted to provide this showcase for them," says Doug Sarini, Chairman of the Board for NDD. "We anticipate Foodtopia! will be a win-win for all involved."

Participating restaurants can showcase new and existing dishes to attract new customers, patrons can sample the many exquisite flavors Newark has to offer, and downtown Newark will benefit from the support shown by all of the event participants.

Foodtopia! Food Festival will take place Friday, June 6, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., rain or shine, and promises a street-festival atmosphere, complete with a variety of food, musical entertainment, arts and crafts and jewelry vendors.

Booths will be set up in Military Park for participating Foodtopia! Restaurant Week restaurants that will offer samples of their fare to festival patrons. Famil, an R&B group recently signed by Universal Records will provide entertainment as will local radio station 103.5/WKTU, whose Party Crew will be on hand from noon until 2:00 p.m.

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Jada Pinkett-Smith

The Matrix Reloaded Interview

with Kam Williams

Jada Koren Pinkett was born in Baltimore on September 18, 1971 to nurse Adrienne Banfield and contractor Robson Pinkett, Jr., who divorced each other only months after their wedding.

As a child, Jada always said that she wanted to be either an actress or an attorney. But she first studied dance and choreography at the Baltimore School for the Arts which is where she met and befriended fellow student Tupac Shakur. Together, they made an amateur video in which she danced while he lip-synched to Parents Just Don't Understand, a rap song by DJ Jazzy Jeff and The Fresh Prince.

Jada later matriculated at North Carolina School of the Arts, though she left after a year to pursue her dream. She soon met Keenan Ivory Wayans at a party, and he introduced her to an agent. By 1991 she had landed a role on the TV sitcom *A Different World* and by 1993 she'd made her big screen debut in *Menace II Society*.

She's since starred in a score of movies, including *The Nutty Professor*, *Scream 2*, *Bamboozled*, *Kingdom Come*,

Ali, and now *The Matrix Reloaded*. Along the way, she found the time to fall in love with rapper-turned-Oscar-nominated actor Will Smith, aka *The Fresh Prince*. They married in 1997 and had a couple of kids, Jaden Christopher Syre and Willow Camille Reign. They are also raising Trey (Will Smith III), Will's son from his first marriage.

Here, the pretty, pint-sized performer shares her insights about the making of *Matrix Reloaded*.

KW: How did you end up in the *Matrix*?

JPS: "I had heard through the grapevine that this was a possibility, but I never listen to that stuff. What happened was, I got a call saying the Wachowskis want to see you. They have a role for you, that was created for you, but you're pregnant. I was nine months pregnant, so everybody was a little nervous. I went in and met with them and said, 'Listen, we're gonna work it out. You don't worry about me. I'm going to make it happen.'"

KW: Was the role of Niobe more demanding physically than you expected?

JPS: "In all honesty, having had the video game and the

movie, it did live up to my expectations. And they made it easy for me when they said, 'Jada, don't even worry about it, because whatever we need you to do physically, we'll push back towards the end of the movie.' And I was like, 'Cool! Then we in business.'"

KW: What was so attractive about the role?

JPS: "I just wanted to have an opportunity to do some cool stuff. I've loved this project since day one, since I saw those animations of Trinity's action sequences in the first *Matrix*."

Before they even picked up a camera, I met with the Wachowski brothers several times. I fell in love with them and this project.

At the end of the day, I'm so happy to have been considered for the second and the third *Matrix*, and that they created this character for me. That, in itself, is extremely flattering, and it's been a wonderful experience to sit down with the boys, and to work with Keanu [Reeves], Laurence Fishburne and Carrie-Anne [Moss]. So, I'm A-OK."

KW: Did your husband want you to help him get a part in this film, since you were in Ali with him.

JPS: "Yeah, Will was like, 'See if they could hook a brother up.' I said, 'No, I'm not.' [laughs]

KW: Why not?

JPS: "Because! He could get his own stuff. He can call them if he wants. I'm not going in there, working his situation out."

KW: How're your kids reacting to you as an action star?

JPS: "My bonus child, Trey, is just elated. He's through the moon. He's played the video game and he can't believe I'm in it. He's like, 'That video game is so cool!' And he's at that age where your parents get a little corny, so if I can impress Trey, then I'm really doing something. Jaden's enjoying it all, too, and then Willow, everytime she sees Niobe, she goes, 'That's Mommy!' which is good because she always wants to be Superman or Spiderman. Now she has a female superhero that she can look up to."

KW: And how did you like seeing yourself as an action figure?

JPS: "I just said, 'Make her chest a little bigger.' [bursts into laughter again] No, I love it. She looked good to me. I think it's really cool."



E Briefs entertainment news

—Kim Bowman

Ruben Studdard new "American Idol"



Alabaman Ruben Studdard was named this year's "American Idol," snagging the title from fellow-finalist Clay Aiken last Wednesday night.

It was a close race. Ruuuuuuben reportedly won with 50.2% of the 24 million votes. No one seems worried about Clay Aiken, though. He and Studdard have already recorded songs for record industry star-maker Clive Davis. As the new American Idol, Ruuuuuben scored a \$1 million recording contract with RCA Records (the label of last year's winner Kelly Clarkson and runner-up Justin Guarini).

Oprah says five more years



Talk Show maven, Oprah Winfrey has decided to go on for five more years. Winfrey has extended her contract with King World Productions for two more years; her new contract ending in 2007-08 reports eurweb.com.

At her last contract extension, Winfrey said she would step away from the mic in 2005-06. "It's fulfilling being able to do this kind of television," Winfrey said, according to an Associated Press report, "and I believe continuing to have a voice and a platform to speak to the world is still the right thing to do."

Bad Boys II soundtrack slated to be summer's hottest

Bad Boy Records is slated to release the soundtrack for summer 2003's most anticipated movie, Bad Boys II, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence according to eurweb.com.

"I feel extremely blessed to be re-launching Bad



Boy with not just another typical soundtrack, but the biggest album of the summer, guaranteed to be the hottest summer release," says CEO & Executive Producer of the Soundtrack, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

"I pulled out all the stops and it couldn't have happened any other way — Bad Boys II on Bad Boy!" As this will serve as the first full album release under the new Bad Boy/Universal umbrella, Combs has assembled an all-star line-up for the Bad Boys II soundtrack, which will be in stores July 15th, three days prior to the movie's July 18 opening.

The superstar line-up includes: Jay-Z, 50 cent, Notorious B.I.G., Justin Timberlake, Nelly, Mary J. Blige, Lenny Kravitz, Beyonce, Pharell, Loon, Fat Joe, Foxy Brown, Mario Winans, G Unit, Will Smith and others.



Afroman gets high with the Lord

Joseph "Afroman" Foreman, who found worldwide success with his song

"Because I Got High," has given his life to God. His new found faith has him at odds with his label, Universal Records. "They want to keep me in the marijuana jar," Foreman said. "They don't want to roll the dice."

Foreman's LP "The Good Times," was a gold selling album in the U.S. & Platinum overseas.

UPN's "Platinum" will not return

The hip-hop drama 'Platinum' has not been renewed for the fall season, reps for UPN confirmed with AllHipHop.com. After starting with high ratings, the show's Nielson status plummeted. "Its not coming back next year," a rep for UPN said, "The ratings were the same as 'Haunted' was when we cancelled it last year." 'Platinum' starred rapper Sticky Fingaz of Onyx.

Raekwon working on film and new solo LP



Raekwon will star in "The Coalition," a film that centers around NY's construction business & how it's exploited by minority non-union labor.

The story was written by Joseph Ariola, a long time member of the Operating Engineers Union in N.Y.C. The movie starts filming late June in NYC. Raekwon is finishing a solo LP, "Icewater," scheduled for release this year.

Kam's Kapsules

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BIG BUDGET FILMS



Finding Nemo (G)

Animated Disney undersea adventure about a frightened fish who must overcome his timidity and embark on an epic journey to rescue his stolen son. With

celeb voice work supplied by Ellen DeGeneres, Allison Janney, Albert Brooks, Willem Dafoe and Geoffrey Rush.



The Italian Job

(PG-13 for violence and profanity) Remake of the 1969 crime caper of the same name, which featured Michael Caine, Noel Coward and Benny Hill. This go-round it's Ed Norton, along with rappers-turned-actors Mark

Wahlberg and Mos Def, involved in an elaborate gold heist. With Jason Statham as the gang's getaway driver, Seth Green as it's computer geek, Charlize Theron as the safecracker, and Donald Sutherland as her dad.

Wrong Turn

(R for gory violence, expletives and drug usage) Teen screamer about the predicament a capful of kids find themselves in after they become lost in a neck of the West Virginia woods inhabited by a rabid bunch of inbred cannibals.



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(Unrated) Dysfunctional family documentary about the father and son from Long Island who were charged in 1987 with molesting children in their home-based day care center.



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(Unrated) Hatfield-McCoy style feud fuels this Brazilian crime caper about a revenge-minded matriarch, Maria, whose husband and two sons were murdered by the family of the ever embittered ex-fiance' she left at the altar ages years ago. Grieving widow enlists the aid of her daughters, Maria and Maria, in evening the score. (In Portuguese with subtitles)

Together

(Unrated) Chinese coming-of-age tale about a 13 year-old prodigy who moves with his father from the country to Beijing to attend a prestigious academy only to be distracted from the violin by a pretty yokiest to hang out at nightclubs. (In Mandarin with subtitles)



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Ruben Studdard Wins AI 2

by Kam Williams

Twenty-five year-old Ruben Studdard, aka the Velvet Teddy Bear, prevailed over Clay Aiken to land a million-dollar recording contract on American Idol 2. The huggable, 300+ pounder thanked Jesus before embracing the self-effacing Clay who was very gracious in defeat.

The portly soul singer garnered 50.28% of the 24 millions telephone votes cast to eke out a victory by the slimmest of margins. He had persuaded his TV audience with riveting renditions of A House Is Not a Home, Imagine and Flying Without Wings.

Studdard, who has been singing since he was three, was a voice major at Alabama A&M University. You might be surprised to learn that he also played football in high school and college. His own personal idol is the late Donny Hathaway, and his musical taste ranges from gospel to jazz to R & B. Ruben's rabid fans won't have to wait long to get their

hands on his first single, since Flying Without Wings is already slated to be released on June 3rd.

Thus ends the second season of the Fox's reality-TV series. This one started months ago with a cross-country cattle call. The contestant searches had thousands of aspiring entrants camping out overnight, some braving frigid temperatures, just for a chance to showcase their talents in front of judges Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson, and the infamous Simon Cowell.

Though Abdul and Jackson are both Grammy Award-winners with established track records in the music industry, everyone seems to tune in to see what Simon says. Cowell, a snitty Brit who revels in ridiculing at the drop of hat, punctuates his appraisals with mean-spirited asides like, "Absolutely painful!" or "That's why I hate yodeling!" or "You will never, ever, ever get through an audition."



Though American Idol has spawned a number of knock-offs on other networks, I suspect that the original will remain the ratings favorite, so long as these three judges return. They have just the right chemistry, offering a combination of camaraderie and criticism which makes for compelling television. And that's rare. As for Ruben Studdard, he's already signed with nine other finalists from the show to do the 39-city, American Idol 2 concert tour which will kick off July 8th.

'Having Our Say' to play at African Globe TheatreWorks

NEWARK, N.J., May 21, 2003 - Having Our Say by Emily Mann will open on Friday, May 30, 2003 at Newark Symphony Hall 2nd Floor Theatre, produced by African Globe TheatreWorks and directed by Leonora O. Brazell-Rafua. Having Our Say, originally produced by McCarter Theatre, Princeton, New Jersey, tells the story of the Delany sisters, 103-year old Sadie, and 101-year old Bessie. Through fascinating conversations between the sisters, the audience shares in their frustration, anger, and pain as they mature during the Jim Crow era. This delectable slice of American history celebrates the sisters' triumph as they overcome obstacles to rise to the top in their respective professions.

Leonora O. Brazell-Rafua, director, is currently, Drama teacher at Arts High School in Newark, N.J., a position that she has held for the past 17 years. Brazell-Rafua, a graduate of Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of Performing Arts where she received a MFA, is directing her second African Globe TheatreWorks production. She has also developed a working relationship with Paper Mill Playhouse where she co-authored the Adopt-A-School

program. She is a member of the Society Of Nigerian Theatre Artists and has the distinction of being a published professor in the Theater Department at the University of Nigeria, West Africa. To her credit, Brazell-Rafua is a published poet and playwright, experienced director and designer, as well as a participant in Dodge Foundation's Clearing the Spring and Tending the Fountain 2002 programs.

Delores "Bobby" Reilly as Dr. Bessie Delany - 101 years old Reilly is Montclair, NJ's first African-American woman ever elected to the City Council. Reilly is the founder and director of the African Violets theatre company of Montclair, which has performed at high schools, colleges, churches, and conventions. She studied theatre arts at the Gene Frankel Workshop in New York City and was a member of The Family and The Ossining Street and Prison Repertory Theatre companies. Betty H. Neals as Sadie



Delany - 103 years old Wife of Honorable Felix Neals, Supervising Administrative Law Judge, New York State, Neals is a native of Newark and a retired teacher of Creative Dramatics in the East Orange, NJ school system. Neals is a member of Equity Actors Association and holds a M.A. in Educational Theater from New York University. She studied with: Sonia Moore, American Stanislavsky Theater; Phillip Hayes Dean, Henry Street Settlement; Hal DeWindt, American Theater of Harlem.

For more information contact African Globe at 973-624-1584 or visit African Globe at www.africanglobe.com.

Show Dates: May 2003: 30, 31 June 2003: 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

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Riverdance for the first time at NJPAC

Newark— RIVERDANCE The Show, the Original International Phenomenon, comes to Newark for the very first time for eight performances only at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, June 10-15.

Composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty, and directed by John McColgan, RIVERDANCE has touched the hearts of millions around the world. "An explosion of sight and sound that simply takes your breath away," cheers the Chicago Tribune. "A family evening unlike anything else!" raves The London Times. Discover why nothing in the world compares to the original! There is no better time to share the magic of Riverdance with your family.

RIVERDANCE is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance, which focuses on the evolution of Irish dance, as well as its similarities with, and influences on, other cultures. Mr. Whelan won the 1997 Grammy® Award for "Best Musical Show Album" for his original music and lyrics for RIVERDANCE. This extraordinarily unique show featuring an international company that has taken the world by storm, now comes to Newark for the first time!

RIVERDANCE had its world premiere at the Point Theatre, Dublin, in February 1995, where it opened to unanimous critical acclaim. There are presently two productions of RIVERDANCE touring the world. To date, over 15 million people worldwide have seen RIVERDANCE, in addition to some 6.5 million people who have purchased the video versions of the show. RIVERDANCE The Album, on Celtic Heartbeat/Universal Records, has sold more than two million CDs worldwide and is certified Platinum in the United States.

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Nets sweep Pistons, return to NBA Finals

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serious injury. Kidd did not even come out of the game. After a timeout, he returned to the court and put the finishing touches on a superb performance.

Kidd scored the last eight Nets points of a 13-1 run that widened the lead to 96-75 with 3:10 remaining. He exited to a standing ovation moments later, finishing with 26 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists.

"I was a little scared when he went down. He was in a little bit of pain, but he toughed it out," said Nets forward Kenyon Martin, who had 14 points and 10 rebounds. "If he would have

went down, there's no telling what would have happened. It was a great feeling to see him get up. He came back and hit some big shots for us."

"When he got back (to the bench), I went and asked him if he wanted me to put in AJ (reserve guard Anthony Johnson) and he said, 'No,'" Nets coach Byron Scott said. "I had a feeling he was going to gut it out, but I also knew we better win this game so he can get some rest."

Scott said the Nets will mix of days off, full practices and light workouts while they wait to see how the West is won. Led by Tim Duncan, the Spurs hold a 2-

1 lead, and the Mavericks may be without injured star forward Dirk Nowitzki for the rest of the series.

"It's still a long shot," Kidd said. "The Western Conference is still the favorite and they should be. Both teams have the best record in the league; they've proven that, so we've got our work cut out for us."

"This team (Nets) is real poised," Pistons coach Rick Carlisle said. "I believe they have a real chance at whoever comes out of the West."

The top-seeded Pistons reached the conference finals for the first time in 12 years. But

they were no match for the Nets as they were swept out of the playoffs for the ninth time in franchise history.

Despite sporting the NBA's top defense, Detroit was outscored 19-0 on the fast break in Game Four, 51-4 over the last two games and 94-15 in the series.

"We just ran into a Nets team that is like a steamroller right now," Carlisle said.

Dallas may be feeling the same way about Duncan, who had 34 points and 24 rebounds in San Antonio's 96-83 road victory in Game Three.

The third-seeded Mavs lost

more than a game when Nowitzki, who is averaging nearly 26 points and 12 rebounds in the postseason, suffered a sprained left knee with 7:45 remaining and did not return. He had an MRI on Saturday that revealed no further damage but still left him doubtful for Game Four.

"I've never had a knee injury before and I was just in shock. I had pain and I didn't know what to do. I couldn't move it," Nowitzki said. "Already, last night, it started feeling better and this morning I could walk around, so it's a lot better than I thought at first."

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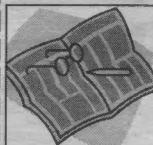
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14 - 27 — Newark Museum presents an exhibit of photographer Timothy White: Image Maker to the stars as part of its Focus on Photography Ball. For more info call 973-596-6550.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Newark — New Jersey Small Business Development Center will host a workshop "Meet the Lenders" at Metropolitan Baptist Church (Gym) 149 Springfield Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 973-353-5950.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

North Branch — New Jersey Small Development Centers along with Raritan Valley Community College will sponsor the 12th Government Procurement Expo from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Advanced Tech. Center. For more info call 973-353-5960.

ONGOING

Newark — The Women's Center of Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars, support groups during Spring 2003 Semester. For more info call 973-877-3395.

Artz

ONGOING

Newark — Maize Restaurant presents Sweet and Low Thursdays featuring vocalist Denise Hamilton from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. For more info call 973-639-1200.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Newark — "Our World Showcase 2003" featuring students from local youth organizations will perform at NJPAC at 7:00 p.m. in the Victoria Theater, One Center St. For more info call 973-642-8989 ext. 8043.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Montclair — Project Mercury performs at Luna Stage, 695 Bloomfield Ave. at 8:30 p.m. For more info call 973-744-3309.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

New Brunswick — The State Theatre presents Saturday Night Fever The Musical for three performances at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 732-246-7469.

FRIDAY, MAY 30 — 31

Newark — African Globe TheatreWorks presents "It Ain't Nothing But the Blues" a musical journey through the rhythms that gave birth to Blues, African and rural roots. For more info and showtime, call 973-624-1584.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

New York — Queens of Comedy returns to the Theater at Madison Square Garden with comedians Mo'Nique, Adele Givens and Sommore at 7:00 p.m. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Newark — Newark Public Library presents Black Music Month Celebration with a stage reading "Black Broadway" at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-733-3610.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 — SUNDAY, JULY 27

Millburn — Paper Mill Theatre presents the musical Grease. For more info call 973-376-4343.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents Arrested Development in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Montclair — New Jersey Music Society presents Brahms Dohnanyi

and Beethoven, an evening of classic music at 8:00 p.m. at the Montclair Art Museum. For more info call 973-746-6068.

Plainfield — Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Rhythm & Blues By the Brook" musicfest from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Cedar Brook Park. For more info call 908-436-2900.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Newark — Newark Museum presents Jazz in the Garden from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. For more info call 973-596-6493.

FRI, JUNE 13 & SAT, JUNE 14

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents Isaac Hayes in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 — 28

New York — George Wein & Festival Productions presents the JVC Jazz Festival at various venues in New York City. For more info call 212-501-1390 or visit <http://www.festivalproductions.net>.

SUN, JUNE 15 & MON, JUNE 16

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents the father of Blues himself, B.B. King in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

THURS, JUNE 19 & FRI, JUNE 20

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents The Neville Brothers in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

Religion

ONGOING

Newark — Greater Service Fellowship Church invites you to Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, come get the answers. For more info call 973-848-1711.

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